



# FORESTRY NEWS



## Back to the Woods with the Presale Field Crews

Spring has sprung and with it comes the return of the Presale (P/S) Field Crews. The crew is composed of eleven White Mountain Apache Tribal Members having an average of 26 years of Federal Service! The main function of the field crews is to mark saw timber (usually 9 inches or larger in diameter) for harvest. Direction in how to treat each acre within a sale area is given through written silvicultural marking guides. The crew

members have all received training in forest health; forest insects and diseases; identification and protection of cultural and historical resources; and identification and protection of special resources such as water, wildlife areas, and meadows. Last field season Presale crews marked almost 6,000 acres within the Tonto North Timber Sale. Additionally, approximately 11,000 acres received archeological surveys in preparation for future fuels treatments.

Presales crewmembers have been working in the woods for many years. Delinda Ivins, who started with Presales in 1988, loves to be in the field marking trees. David Massey likes the thought that he "is helping to create a better forest for future Tribal generations." Frank Lee works with a Roads Forester to evaluate areas within proposed timber sales that are in need of any road maintenance. Supervisor Lucky Holden is proud to be working with experienced people who care as much

about the land as he does. The Branch of Forestry Mission Statement states "The mission of the Fort Apache Agency Branch of Forestry is to proactively manage, enhance, conserve, and protect land and forest trust resources for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe on a sustainable basis." This all-encompassing mission statement certainly includes the activities that the Presale Field Crews are involved in on a daily basis.



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